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AMENDMENT ATER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 14, 2003, the Applicant hereby requests amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

As required by the Final Office Action, attached hereto is a revised Fig. 1 illustrating a repeated spoken digit string to generate a second list, a comparison of the first and second list, and performing additional verification techniques.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 8, between the paragraph ending at line 22 and the paragraph beginning at line 23, please insert the following new paragraph: